ICSA Member News March 2013

NEWS FOR ICSA

ICSA is proud to participate in the celebration of the International Year of Statistics 2013, a worldwide celebration of the contributions of statistical science to the advancement of our global society.

(http://www.statistics2013.org/)

*ICSA Meeting and Announcement

ICSA Calls Members to Participate in the 2013 ASA Election

For ICSA members who are also ASA members, the 2013 ASA election of Board of Directors began on March 15th. Christy Chuang-Stein, who is a permanent member of the ICSA, is running for ASA president. Ming-Yen Cheng, who is also a permanent member of the ICSA, is running for International representative to the ASA Board. We encourage our members who are eligible to vote in the ASA election to read Christy’s and Ming-Yen’s statements
Ming-Hui Chen  
ICSA 2013 President  

ICS A 2013  Applied Statistics Symposium / ISBS  
International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics Joint Conference

The 22nd Annual ICSA Applied Statistical Symposium and the 3rd ISBS International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics will be held jointly from Sunday, June 9 to Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland, USA. We envision that this joint meeting will allow us to attract industrial statisticians and many international statisticians as well as statisticians working in government and academia.

Keynote speakers include Prof. Marie Davidian, North Carolina State University and the 2013 President of the American Statistical Association (ASA); Dr. Nancy Geller, Director of Office of Biostatistics Research, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, and past President of the American Statistical Association (ASA); Dr. Rob Hemmings, Statistics Unit Head at the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency and Chair of the Scientific Advice Working Party (SAWP); Dr. Lisa LaVange, Director of Office of Biostatistics, CDER, Food and Drug Administration. We are also delighted to confirm Prof. Xiao-Li Meng, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University as the conference banquet speaker.

In addition, there will be short courses, invited sessions and contributed sessions. Details will be announced on our website http://www.icsa.org/2013/ and http://www.isbiostat.org/main/.

We at ICSA and ISBS join the strengths and efforts to make this conference a unique and memorable learning experience. We sincerely welcome all ICSA and ISBS members, and all people
interested in application of statistics to participate, organize invited
sessions, submit papers to the contributed sessions, and provide
suggestions. The executive committee welcomes suggestions and
help from all interested members. Questions and suggestions can be
addressed to Aiyi Liu at liua@mail.nih.gov or Mark Chang at
mchang@amagpharma.com.

2013 ICSA International Conference

The 9th triennial International Conference of the International Chinese
Statistical Association (ICSA) will be held at the Hong Kong Baptist
University, Hong Kong from Dec 20-23, 2013. The conference is also
cosponsored by the American Statistical Association (ASA), the
Chinese Association of Applied Statistics (CAAS), the Chinese
Society of Probability and Statistics (CSPS), the Hong Kong
Statistical Society (HKSS), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics
(IMS), the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA), and the
Royal Statistical Society (RSS). The Program Chairs are Jiqian Fang
(fangjq@mail.sysu.edu.cn), Ji Zhu (jizhu@umich.edu) and Lixing Zhu
(lzhu@math.hkbu.edu.hk). Please refer to the conference websit

The theme of the conference is

*Challenges of Statistical Methods for Interdisciplinary Research and
Big Data*

The highlights of the conference are given below.

__Plenary speakers:__

Raymond Carroll <mailto:carroll@stat.tamu.edu>, Texas A&M
University
Ching-Shui Cheng <mailto:cheng@stat.sinica.edu.tw>, Academia
Sinica
Hengjian Cui <mailto:hjcu@bnu.edu.cn>, Capital Normal University
Peter Hall <mailto:halpstat@ms.unimelb.edu.au>, Melbourne
University
Tze Leung Lai <mailto:lait@stat.stanford.edu>, Stanford University
_Pao-Lu Hsu Award_

The Pao-Lu Hsu award is presented every three years by the ICSA, usually at an ICSA conference, to an individual under the age of 50, who makes influential and fundamental contributions to any field of statistics and probability, and exemplifies Hsu's deep involvement in developing statistics and probability research with significant impact on education.

The inaugural award will be presented at the 9^th ICSA conference and the recipients are

Xiao-Li Meng, Harvard University
Jianqing Fan, Princeton University
Bin Yu, University of California at Berkeley

_Invited sessions___

There are over 60 invited sessions, including special invited sessions co-sponsored by RSS, IMS, CAAS, ISBA, covering a wide spectrum of research areas in modern statistics. The list of confirmed speakers can be found in


_Contributed sessions___

In addition to plenary talks and invited sessions, the conference will have a number of parallel sessions for contributed presentations. If you wish to present a talk, please submit the title and abstract to

by August 31, 2013. All abstracts should be no more than one A4 size paper, include the title of the talk and the names, affiliations, addresses and email addresses of the authors. All abstracts will be refereed by the Organizing Committee. We will try to notify you of the acceptance of your talk within two weeks of the date we receive your abstract. Full pages are not required.* Each participant can give at most one talk.*

Registration___

All participants in the conference must register. The registration fee is US$300 (discounted rate will be available for full time students). The registration fee covers conference materials, lunches, tea breaks and a Chinese banquet. To register, please complete the on-line Registration form


(There may be a warning message saying that "The site's security certificate is not trusted!", please ignore it and click "Proceed anyway".)

Accommodation___

Several hotels will offer discount rate to the conference participants. For more details see the accommodation page


Please send the completed reservation form * to the hotel * directly *.

Important dates**

Deadline for Abstract Submission: August 31, 2013
Deadline for Early Bird Registration: August 31, 2013
Conference: December 20–23, 2013

*Awards and News*

**The Third IMS Asia Pacific Rim meeting**

The third IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meetings will take place in Howard International House ([http://intl-house.howard-hotels.com/](http://intl-house.howard-hotels.com/)), Taipei, Taiwan, during the period June 30 (Monday) - July 3 (Thursday), 2014. This meeting series provides an excellent forum for scientific communications and collaborations for the researchers in Asia and Pacific Rim. It also promotes communications and collaborations between the researchers in this area and those from other parts of the world. The program covers a wide range of topics in statistics and probability, presenting recent developments and the state of the art in a variety of modern research topics and in applications. For more information, you may contact the program chairs: Byeong U. Park ([bupark@stats.snu.ac.kr](mailto:bupark@stats.snu.ac.kr)) and Feifang Hu ([fh6e@virginia.edu](mailto(fh6e@virginia.edu))). The conference website is [http://www.ims-aprm2014.tw/](http://www.ims-aprm2014.tw/).

**Call for Papers**

**Statistica Sinica**

**Special Issue on Spatial and Temporal Data Analysis**

Statistica Sinica seeks original papers for a special issue on spatial and temporal data analysis.

Spatial and temporal data analysis is a fast growing area of statistics with significant interactions with several scientific disciplines. This special issue will provide a platform for disseminating new research and stimulating further progress in this important area.

The deadline for submission is July 31, 2013. All articles will be
peer-reviewed based on the high standard of Statistica Sinica, and we will ensure a fair and speedy review process. Original research in any area of spatial or spatial-temporal data analysis is welcome. Interdisciplinary research with novel methodology development is also encouraged. Each article is expected to have no more than 20 print pages in length under the journal template. We encourage the use of online supplementary material to include computer code, data, and additional technical details. The submission website is http://www.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/submission. Upon logging in as author, please choose the option for new submission with the special theme topic of “Spatial and Temporal Data Analysis”.

For questions regarding the suitability of your submission to this special issue, please contact one of the guest editors Ming-Hui Chen<ming-hui.chen@uconn.edu>, Xuming He<xmhe@umich.edu> and Bo Li<boli@purdue.edu>. For other issues regarding submission to the journal, please contact the Statistica Sinica office.

We thank you for your support.
Ming-Hui Chen, Guest Editor
Xuming He, Guest Editor
Bo Li, Guest Editor
Naisyin Wang, Co-Editor

Call for Papers

Statistics and Its Interface

Special Issue on Modern Bayesian Statistics

Statistics and Its Interface (SII) invites submissions for a special issue on Modern Bayesian Statistics. Research in Bayesian statistics is rapidly expanding and diversifying, making it increasingly popular and widely used in many fields including medicine, biology, public health, epidemiology, engineering, finance, economics, environmental sciences, and social sciences. SII promotes interface between statistical theory and methodology and applications. Thus, we
strongly encourage substantive applications of Bayesian statistical theory and methodology in all areas of sciences. Your papers, once accepted, will be published together in a future issue of SII.

The submission deadline for this special issue is November 1, 2013. All submissions must be online through the website http://www.e-publications.org/ip/sbs/index.php/index/login and please state that your submissions are “For the Special Issue on Modern Bayesian Statistics” in the Box of Comments to the editors. The submissions will go through regular review process. As the editors for this special issue, we will handle the peer review timely and carefully.

With your support and collaboration, we are confident that the special issue will be a success that will reflect the state-of-art of research at the frontier of this vital and rapidly developing area. We look forward to receiving your papers in due course.

Ming-Hui Chen (Guest Editor), University of Connecticut
Heping Zhang (Editor-in-Chief), Yale University

BASS XX, 4-7 November, 2013

The 20th anniversary meeting of Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS XX) will be held 4-7 November, 2013, at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Orlando, FL. At least 16 one-hour tutorials, on diverse topics pertinent to the research, clinical development and regulation of pharmaceuticals, will be presented 4-6 November, 2013, by speakers from academia, the pharmaceutical industry and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Two parallel, one-day short courses (BIOSIMILARS & Meta-Analyses with R) will be presented 6-7 November, 2013. Other popular features of BASS XX are the keynote address, on Tuesday, 5 November, 2013, with reception following, and the Wednesday morning, 6 November, 2013, FDA Biometrics session.

For further information, please contact the BASS registrar at rewhitworth@georgiasouthern.edu or Dr. Karl E. Peace,
912-478-7905, email peacekarl@frontier.com. The BASS Webpage may be viewed at www.bassconference.org.

**The 4th IMS-China International Conference:**

The IMS-China International Conferences promote communications and collaborations between the researchers in China and those from other parts of the world. The 1st to 3rd conferences in this series were successfully held in Hangzhou, Weihai and Xi’an, China, respectively.

We are pleased to announce the 4th IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability 2013 to be held in Chengdu, China from June 30 – July 4, 2013. The scientific program of this conference will cover a wide range of topics in probability, statistics and their related areas, focusing on recent developments and the state of the art in a variety of modern research topics and in applications. It will provide an excellent forum for scientific communications and collaborations for the researchers. For more information, you may contact the scientific program chair: Runze Li (rli@stat.psu.edu). Please check the conference website: http://imschn2013.swufe.edu.cn for updated information.

**ICA Co-Sponsored Publications**

**ICSA Members Submit your work to Statistics in Biosciences**

Recently we convened a very successful editorial board meeting for Statistics in Biosciences(SIBS) at JSM in San Diego. The journal is growing and now is under consideration for inclusion and indexing in ISI(Web of Knowledge) and PubMed. We have also recently published special issues on the cutting-edge areas of comparative effectiveness and network analysis. The number of author initiated submissions has increased rapidly. A special issue on next generation
sequencing data analysis is underway. SIBS will have invited sessions at the 2013 ENAR, Joint Statistical Meetings, and 2013 International Conference of ICSA.

We encourage all ICSA Members who do research in the biosciences to consider submitting their scientific papers and review articles to SIBS.

*Statistics in Biosciences* is published twice a year in print and electronic form. It aims at the development and application of statistical methods and their interface with other quantitative methods, such as computational and mathematical methods, in biological and life science, health science, and biopharmaceutical and biotechnological science.

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to reviewing your submissions in the future.

Xihong Lin

http://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/


**Statistics and Its Interface**

Statistics and Its Interface is an international statistical journal promoting the interface between statistics and other disciplines including, but not limited to, biomedical sciences, geosciences, computer sciences, engineering, and social and behavioral sciences. The journal publishes high-quality articles in broad areas of statistical science, emphasizing substantive problems, sound statistical models and methods, clear and efficient computational algorithms, and insightful discussions of the motivating problems. Visit SII’s web page at http://www.intlpress.com/SII/SII-BrowseJournal.php for more information.
International Press and Tsinghua University Mathematical Science Center are pleased to announce open online access (free of charge) to the journal *Statistics and Its Interface* (SII) which includes five volumes.

Now in its fifth volume, the journal, edited by Yale University professor of biostatistics Heping Zhang, publishes high-quality articles dealing with broad areas of statistical science, and emphasizing substantive problems, sound statistical models and methods, clear and efficient computational algorithms, and insightful discussions of the motivating problems. SII is currently indexed by MathSciNet, ZentralBlatt MATH and Science Citation Index Expanded.

Among SII’s publications are numerous special issues, including: “Financial Engineering and Risk Management” (Vol. 1, No. 2), “Statistics and Machine Learning” (Vol. 2, No. 3), and “Singular Spectrum Analysis” (Vol. 3, No. 3).

The latest issue, Vol. 5 No. 3 (2012), is entitled "Empirical Likelihood" and guest edited by Liang Peng.

**SII is available to the public online at [http://intlpress.com/SII](http://intlpress.com/SII)**

**News from Statistic Sinica**

Call for submissions on a special issue in Time Series Analysis and Bayes Methods (deadline of submission: Feb 1, 2014)

Call for submissions on a special issue in Spatial and Temporal Data Analysis (deadline of submission: July 31, 2013)

How to Write a Journal Paper (Don Ylvisaker, Workshop on Statistical Frontiers, 2012 ISS)

Forthcoming Papers from Statistica Sinica

The January Issue Has Been Released!

Statistica Sinica has released the on-line version of the January issue. The newly-published articles are available for subscribers when clicking on Current Issue. ICSA members please access those articles via the “membership only area” at http://www.icsa.org/. If you have any problems for subscription, please contact the editorial office through ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw.

*Job Listings*

INS Faculty Recruitment Program in Statistics

The Company Name: Shanghai Jiao Tong University

The Company Information:

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, one of the top universities in China, is undertaking a major expansion aimed at becoming one of the world’s leading centers of scientific research. A major initiative of this expansion is the establishment of the Center for Statistical Sciences, initially hosted in the Institute of Natural Sciences (http://ins.sjtu.edu.cn/), led by world class faculty conducting research in statistical theory and methodology, and collaborating with researchers in other disciplines, including biology, engineering, finance, management, medicine, and public health. It will also develop a rigorous education and training program for undergraduate and graduate students. The university has committed significant resources to ensure the success of this center.
The Position Title:

Appointments at all levels, from postdoctoral fellowship to Chair Professorship, are available to candidates with strong or promising academic credentials.

The Duties & Responsibilities:

We are seeking applicants in all major areas of statistical research to join our center for theoretical and methodological research. Successful candidates will also be charged to develop a vibrant and visible training program in statistics.

The Position Qualifications:

Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics, or related fields.

The Salary Range: Very competitive salary.

The Benefits: Highly attractive benefits and start-up packages.

The Company Web Site: http://ins.sjtu.edu.cn/

The Send Application To:

Applications should consist of a curriculum vitae, a list of publications, and a summary of future research plans. Application materials should preferably be sent electronically to Ms. Hong Wei (ins@sjtu.edu.cn).

They can also be mailed to: Ms. Hong Wei

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Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Shanghai 200240, China.

The Email of Contact Person: Hong Wei at ins@sjtu.edu.cn
*Upcoming Workshops and Meeting*

The 27th New England Statistics Symposium  
April 27, 2013, University of Connecticut, Storrs, NJ, USA  
[http://www.stat.uconn.edu/ness13](http://www.stat.uconn.edu/ness13)

Advances in Statistical Methods for the Analysis of Observational and Experimental Data: A Symposium in Honor of Anastasios (Butch) Tsiatis  
July 12–July 13, 2013, North Carolina State University, NC, USA  

29th European Meeting of Statisticians  
July 20–July 25, 2013, Budapest, Hungary  

First Asian International Statistical Institute Satellite Meeting on Small Area Estimation  
September 1–September 4, 2013, Bangkok, Thailand  

2013 ASA Biopharmaceutical Section FDA-Industry Statistics Workshop  
September 16–September 18, 2013, Washington, D.C., USA  

10th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics  
October 9–October 10, 2013, Chicago, IL, USA  
[http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2013/index.cfm](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2013/index.cfm)

The First International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications  
October 10–October 12, 2013, Mt. Pleasant, MI, USA  
[http://people.cst.cmich.edu/lee1c/icosda/](http://people.cst.cmich.edu/lee1c/icosda/)
The 69th Deming Conference on Applied Statistics
December 9–December 13, 2013, Atlantic City, NJ, USA
http://demingconference.com/

Ordered Data Analysis, Models and health Research Methods:
An International Conference in Honor of H. N. Nagaraja for His
60th Birthday
March 7–March 9, 2014, The University of Texas at Dallas,
Richardson, TX, USA
http://faculty.smu.edu/ngh/hnnconf.html